

THINK DE RAYLAN IS STILL ALIVE

Wife and Friends of Russian Consul
Secretary Unable to Con-
firm Report of Death

CASE SHROUDED IN GREAT MYSTERY

Plot Suspected to Report That Sex of
Supposed Man Was Revealed at
Death—Wife Says That He Was a
Revolutionist and That It Was Work
of Enemies.

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 21.—Is Nicholas de Raylan, who was for thirteen years secretary to Baron Schlippenbach, Russian Consul, and reported to have been discovered to have been a woman after he died in Phoenix, Ariz., on Tuesday, still alive?

This is the latest chapter added to this queer case of double identity. Up to a late hour today neither the wife of De Raylan nor Baron Schlippenbach had received any reply to urgent messages sent to Dr. W. C. Rowe, who notified the widow of the death of her husband, Francis P. Bradchulla, husband of De Raylan's first wife, had an interview with the second wife today, and at its conclusion gave out the statement that he believed De Raylan was alive or that, if he was dead, there is something mysterious in the whole affair.

"Several telegrams have been sent by Mrs. De Raylan and she has received no reply," said Mr. Bradchulla. "Fruitless efforts have also been made to reach Charles Turner, a friend of De Raylan. The case looks queer to me and it may be that some one is imposing on the doctor, who is an old man. It might be that some one is trying to get De Raylan's money."

Statement of His Employer.
A letter from De Raylan, dated December 11, was received today by one of the writer's friends attached to the consular service. The writer did not say anything about the condition of his health or anything that would throw light on the mysterious circumstances. Speaking of the case today Baron Schlippenbach said:—

"In my opinion the case is one that

may be discussed with more propriety in a medical journal than in the public press. I have received no reply as yet to my message sent to Arizona yesterday. I suppose the delay is on account of the fact that the authorities will probably hold an inquest."

De Raylan Was a Mystery.
Baron Schlippenbach today confirmed a report that De Raylan was an assumed name, but asserted that he did not know the real name of his secretary. He also declared there was a mystery connected with the early life of De Raylan that had never been solved.

"De Raylan was annoyed at times because of being twitted about being a woman," continued the Baron. "I remember that after a public ceremony on one occasion he came to me with tears in his eyes and complained. I told him not to mind, as I knew he was married, and had no reason to suspect his sex."

De Raylan's present wife declares that the story of her husband being a woman is the work of enemies. "He was connected with the revolutionists, and this is the work of his enemies," said the woman.

Jury Say's She's a Woman.

PHOENIX, ARIZ., Dec. 21.—A coroner's jury summoned to investigate the death of Nicholas de Raylan, formerly assistant Russian consul at Chicago whose death a few days ago revealed the fact that the deceased was a woman who had masqueraded as a man, today returned the following verdict: "The person residing here since the fourth of November, 1906, as a male under the name of Nicholas de Raylan was as a matter of fact a female and the body inspected at the morgue by this jury was that of the same person. Death was due to pulmonary tuberculosis."

Sunday Excursion to Mathews County by Old Dominion Steamer.

The Old Dominion Line Steamer Moldack, will make a special trip to Mathews county, Sunday next, December 23, leaving Old Point at 3 a. m. Fare round trip, \$1.10.

H. B. WALKER, W. H. LANDON, Traffic Manager, Agent, Newport News, Va. 12-21-22-23.

Christmas Holiday Rates Via Southern Railway.

The Southern Railway will sell round trip tickets for the Christmas Holidays to all points in the South, at greatly reduced rates, on December 20th to 25th, inclusive, 30th and 31st, 1906, and January 1st, 1907, with final limit leaving destination on or before January 7th, 1907.

For detailed information and Pullman reservation, call either phone 112 or address STANTON CURTIS, Passenger Agent, Norfolk, Va. 12-16 to 25; 28, 29, 30.

IT WILL BENEFIT THE POLICY HOLDER

So Say the Presidents of the Insurance Companies Who Have Formed New Organization.

LARGE MEETING HELD IN NEW YORK

Purpose of the Organization is to Reduce Expenses Whenever Possible and to Eliminate Wastes Entirely—Companies That Were Represented at the Conference.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The first step were taken today toward the formation of an "Association of Life Insurance Presidents." Broadly stated the purpose of the organization will be to further the interests of policy holders and to bring about more uniform methods in the management of life insurance business.

Today's meeting was held at the suggestion of President Paul Morton of the Equitable Life Assurance Society and brought together representatives of 24 companies, while three other companies sent communications approving of the proposition.

Mr. Morton presided and Thomas A. Buckner, second vice president of the New York Life Insurance company acted as temporary secretary.

A committee appointed to draft a constitution and by laws subsequently reported a tentative plan for the organization. Presidents and vice presidents representing their companies will be eligible to membership. The following companies were represented at the meeting:

Aetna Life; Berkshire Life; Connecticut General Life; Equitable Life; Mutual Life; Philadelphia Life; Germania Life; Home Life; Manhattan Life; Maryland Life; Massachusetts Mutual; Metropolitan Life; Michigan Mutual Life; Mutual Life; National Life; New England Mutual Life; New York Life; Provident Life and Trust Savings; Prudential; Security Mutual Life; State Mutual Life; Travelers; Union Central; and Union States Life. Representative of the Washington Life of New York, the Equitable Life of Iowa and the Pacific Mutual Life of San Francisco, expressed themselves by letter as being favorable to the proposed organization.

The committee on organization is John Munn, Haley Fiske, L. G. Fouse, Joseph A. De Boursi, Leslie D. Ward, J. Clark and Paul Morton.

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JUDGE ISSUED THE ORDER.

Miss Maude Busbee Will Become Wife of Mr. C. W. Cooper Tomorrow.
Clerk of the Courts Harry H. Holt yesterday issued a marriage license to Mr. Charles W. Cooper and Miss Maude I. Busbee, the ceremony to take place in Hampton tomorrow.

Miss Busbee, who is just eighteen years old, is an orphan and Judge J. W. G. Blackstone, of the Circuit Court, issued an order directing the clerk to grant Mr. Cooper the necessary license.

Mr. Cooper is twenty-one years and is employed as a conductor on the street railway line.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Hamptonians Who Are Attending School Away Back for Yuletide Season
Mr. R. D. Hope, Jr., has arrived home from the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute and is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hope, Sr., in Academy street.

Miss Ida Carl Phillips, who is attending the Normal school in Farmville, is home for the holidays.

Miss Parmella Hudgins, who is attending school in Lynchburg, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Wood, in Mallory avenue.

Miss Mayme Morris Rowe, a student in the Blackstone Female College, is spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Rowe, in Armistead avenue.

Miss Annie Copeland reached Hampton last evening from Staunton, where she is a student in the Mary Baldwin Seminary and will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Copeland, in Victoria avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dobson will leave today for Mathews county, where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Henry Collier, a student in the Medical College of Virginia, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Collier, near Hampton.

Miss Beatrice Lee, who has been visiting Mrs. Kirby, in Holt street, will leave this evening for her home in Baltimore.

Misses Grace and Rena Cosby left last evening for Baltimore, where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rucker, of

Buena Vista, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rucker, Jr., in King street. Mr. Rucker is the commonwealth's attorney of his city and with his bride is spending his honeymoon in Hampton.

Miss Clemence Cooke has returned from a visit of several weeks to Philadelphia and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rose, of Washington, D. C., arrived yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Rose's mother, Mrs. Whiting, in Armistead avenue.

Crab Men Opposed to It.

At a special meeting of the state board of fisheries in Norfolk yesterday the matter of deep water oyster planting was again taken up. Representatives from all the crab packing houses of Hampton appeared before the board in opposition to the deep water planting.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton in Town.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Hamilton, of Pittsburgh, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. Hamilton's mother, in West Queen street. Mr. Hamilton is now a leading real estate dealer in Pittsburgh.

Jefferson Sinclair Ill.

Jefferson Sinclair is quite ill from typhoid fever at the home of his parents near Hampton.

Invite Magruder Camp.

A resolution was unanimously passed inviting the Magruder Camp of Newport News to attend the services as the special guests of R. E. Lee Camp in the Hampton Baptist church on the evening of January 20th.

The resolution of the Daughters to do away with the sponsors at the annual reunions of the grand camp has caused a great deal of spirited discussion in Confederate circles and R. E. Lee Camp is among the few camps that have unanimously concurred in the steps.

At the conclusion of the business meeting Commander Curtis served the veterans with some delicious raw oysters and then "sixty-three" was indulged in for an hour or more.

Comrades Fluery and Caffee, of Magruder Camp Newport News, were present at the meeting.

Schooner Water Logged.

The schooner Maggie, bound from Rappahannock to Hampton, was towed into Hampton creek yesterday afternoon by the tug J. M. Clark. The schooner was found waterlogged off the back river, due east, yesterday morning. She was forced to discharge most of her cargo of wood.

GIFT TO MR. MEGGINSON.

Superintendent Presented With Handsome Chain and Charm.

The conductors and motormen of the Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company yesterday presented Superintendent B. J. Megginson with a handsome gold watch chain and charm as a Christmas present. Mr. Megginson will leave the company on January first and the employees took this method of expressing their kindly feeling for him.

Assistant Superintendent Hancock was not forgotten by the men on the line. To Mr. Hancock the gift was a handsome ring, with diamond and ruby settings.

For a sweet, wholesome biscuit, roll or loaf of bread, use "Waseo" Flour. 11-20-11.

If you have not bought your Christmas presents yet, you should see what a little money will do at the closing out sale of the Chicago Housefurnishing Co. All goods sold at cost. 12-21-61.

We make a specialty of fine old straight Whiskies, Imported and Domestic Sherries and Ports. NEWPORT NEWS WINE & LIQUOR CO. Corner Twenty-fifth street and Washington avenue. Both phones. 12-12-1m

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—SEVERAL GOOD dwellings from \$9 to \$30 a month. Get our new list. If taken now rent will be free till January 1st. SOMMERVILLE TRUST CO., (Incorporated), First National Bank building. Both phones. 12-22-31.

FOR RENT—TWO SOUTHERN EXposed rooms, furnace heated, electric light, one front room. Board if desired. 3208 West Avenue. 12-18-61.

FOR RENT—VERY DESIRABLE room, Southern exposure; furnished or unfurnished. 121 Thirtieth Street. 12-19-61.

FOR RENT—TWO OFFICES IN Schmeltz Building; light, heat and janitor's service free. Apply SCHMELTZ BROTHERS' BANK. 10-21-11.

AMUSEMENTS.

PASSION PLAY ACADEMY OF MUSIC
SATURDAY, DEC. 22ND.
Matinee and Night
Prices—Matinee 10c and 20c; Children, anywhere in the house, 10c night. Best seats, 50c. 12-16-19-22.

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WANTED.

WANTED—SALESLADIES TO SELL candy; chocolate mixtures 2 pounds for 25 cents; mixed chocolates 25c per pound, up. Beautiful boxes and fine candies. KIRKMAN & CO., 2617 Washington Avenue. 12-21-31.

WANTED—BOARDERS. 130 Thirtieth Street. Modern conveniences. References exchanged. 11-2-3m

WANTED—THE TRADE TO SEE our large assortment of horse blankets, robes, etc. MILLER & GLEASON, Twenty-eighth street. 10-12-11.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—NICE HOME. ALL conveniences; sewer, bath and gas; on car line; nice section East End. Price \$1,500. \$200 cash; \$15 monthly. No loan. SOMMERVILLE TRUST CO., (Incorporated), First National Bank building. Both phones. 12-22-31.

FOR SALE, CHEAP—THREE GOOD wagons, one horse, tread power feed cutter; all in good order. Call on, or address N. W. HOWE, Glendale Farm. 12-22-61.

FOR SALE—1 SECOND HAND TOP delivery wagon, good order; price \$25.00. 1 Dayton wagon; price \$20. Both are good bargains. MILLER & GLEASON, Hampton, Va. 12-19-61.

FOR SALE—280 ACRES OF LAND, near Morrison, Va., with good growth of beech and white gum timber ready for market, at \$15 per acre. Apply at YOUNG'S DRUG STORE, Hampton, Va. Phone 20. 12-19-61.

FOR SALE—WHALE BOAT "ITCH BAN," 20 feet long, with 5 1-2 horse power, noiseless engine. Everything in first-class condition. Apply HARRY REED, Victoria Avenue, Hampton, Va. 12-16-61.

FOR SALE—A GIFT WORTH WHILE—is an Edison Phonograph. We have a full line for the holiday trade, ranging in prices from \$10 to \$50. Also Records of the old and new songs, orchestra and band selections, at 35c each. THE GEO. D. HAMPTON PIANO CO., 210 Twenty-eighth Street. 12-13-11.

FOR SALE—SEVERAL SETS OF second hand buggy harness, in good condition. MILLER & GLEASON, Twenty-eighth Street. 10-31-11.

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WE ARE IN POSITION TO TUNE, regulate and repair your piano at reasonable prices. Special terms to tune by the year. Satisfaction guaranteed. Estimates furnished free of charge. LYRIC MUSIC CO., 3110 1-2 Washington avenue. Bell Phone 516, Citizens' 90. 12-22-11.

STUDENT OF PEABODY CONSERVATORY desires pupils in piano; classes both in Hampton and Newport News. Address 130 Thirtieth Street. 12-22-1m.

LADIES—CHRISTMAS IS COMING and church socials, festivals and operas, and you want your hair dressed for all occasions, so come where it is done the best. We may not be the cheapest, but one trial at my parlors will convince you. Miss Irvin is the best Hair Dresser, Manicurist, Chiropodist and Masseuse in the City also headquarters for the best Hair Goods. Call and be convinced. NICHOLAS' HAIR DRESSING PARLOR, 203 Twenty-seventh street, Silsby Building. 12-11-11.

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NOTICE—BOARDING HOUSES AND restaurants desiring first-class mode of advertising for Jamestown exposition will do well to address "C. B.", care this office. 12-18-31.

A. B. ABBITT, WHOLESALE-GROCER, tobacco, etc. Hay, grain and feed.

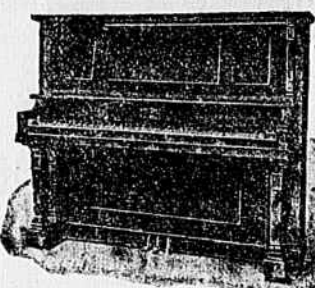
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M. H. LASH

2803-5-7 Washington Ave.

TRUSTEES' SALE.

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Default having been made in payment of the debt secured by deed of trust from Polly Smith and husband, to the undersigned trustee, dated June 10th, 1905, and duly recorded in the clerk's office of the corporation court of the city of Newport News, Va., I shall, as trustee in said deed of trust, at the request of the beneficiary therein secured, on Saturday, December 22nd, 1906, at 12:30 P. M., in front of the court house, of Newport News, Va., sell at public auction to the highest bidder, lot number 61 in block number 45 on map of the city of Newport News, Va., recorded in the clerk's office of corporation court of the city of Newport News, Va., in Platt book number one, page number three, to which reference is hereby made. Terms announced at the sale.

E. S. BLANTON, Trustee.
REYNOLDS BROS., Auctioneers. 12-13-101.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

Default having been made in payment of the debt secured by deed of trust from H. S. Merriam, unmarried, to the undersigned trustee, dated April 16th, 1906, and duly recorded in the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court of the City of Newport News, Va., I shall as trustee in said deed of trust, at the request of the beneficiary therein secured, on Saturday, December 29th, 1906, at 4 o'clock, p. m., in front of the property, number 1313 23rd Street, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, lot number 29 and the Eastern one-half of lot number 30, in block "A," on map of Iyston addition to Newport News, Va., recorded in the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court of the City of Newport News, Va., in plat book number one, page nine, to which reference is here made. Terms announced at the sale.

THOS. NEWMAN, Trustee.

UNDERTAKERS.

W. B. ROUSE, FOR GOOD SERVICE and fine hacks, 234-236 Twenty-fifth street. Phone 51.

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OLD DOMINION BAGGAGE Transfer; offices C. & O. Station. Phones, Bell, Nos. 401 and 135. Clitz, No. 12.

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\$1.00 KID GLOVES, pair	79c	50c BRUSSELS RUGS for	25c
\$5.00 GOLD OR SILVER HANDled Umbrellas	\$3.98	50c LACE TRIMMED Corset Covers for	39c
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